



## **Winifred Claire Stanley Timeline 1909-1996**

Born August 14, 1909 in the Bronx, New York, to Mary and John Francis Stanley

Family moved to Buffalo when she was a child and lived at 119 Lancaster Avenue

Graduated from Lafayette High School

Graduated with honors from the University at Buffalo in 1930

Earned her law degree from UB in 1933, graduated first in her class

Passed the New York State Bar at age 25

Helped overturn restrictions on women serving on juries in New York State

Appointed first female District Attorney in Erie County in 1938

Elected to the House of Representatives in November 1942

Sworn into office in January 1943

Introduced first bill in U.S. history to ban discrimination in pay on account of sex, June 19, 1944

Served on the Civil Service Committee and Patents Committee

Left office in 1945 because of seat being lost to redistricting

Served as an attorney in New York State government in Governor Dewey's administration and then in the State Employees Retirement System, 1945-1955

Served as Assistant District Attorney in Albany, NY, 1955-1979

Retired in 1979 and opened a private practice

Died on Feb. 29, 1996 and is buried in Mount Olivet Cemetery in Tonawanda, NY